

In the Claims:

Claims 1-12 (**Cancelled**).

13. **(New)** A head support device for supporting a read and/or write head for recording information on a recording medium and/or reproducing information from the recording medium, the recording medium rotating around an axis of rotation of the recording medium, said head support device comprising:

a base arm operable to pivot about a first axis that is parallel to and spaced apart from the axis of rotation of the recording medium;

a support arm coupled to said base arm so as to be pivotable about the first axis with said base arm, said support arm being operable to pivot about a second axis relative to said base arm, the second axis extending through a pivot fulcrum and being perpendicular to the first axis, said pivot fulcrum being located at one of a top surface of said base arm, a bottom surface of said base arm, and a position between said top surface and said bottom surface with respect to a thickness direction of said base arm;

a flexure attaching a slider to a first end of said support arm; and

a spring member coupling said support arm to said base arm for applying a thrust force to the head, said spring member having a rigidity lower than a rigidity of said support arm.

14. **(New)** The head support device of claim 13, wherein said flexure is fixed to said support arm at said pivot fulcrum.

15. **(New)** The head support device of claim 13, wherein said pivot fulcrum is located at a tip of said base arm of a side of the head.

16. **(New)** The head support device of claim 13, wherein said pivot fulcrum is located at a tip edge of said base arm of a side of the head.

17. **(New)** The head support device of claim 13, wherein a center of mass of said support arm is located at said pivot fulcrum.

18. **(New)** The head support device of claim 13, wherein said base arm has an aperture.

19. **(New)** The head support device of claim 18, wherein a portion of said support arm is located within said aperture.

20. **(New)** The head support device of claim 18, wherein said aperture comprises a first aperture, said base arm further having a second aperture.

21. **(New)** The head support device of claim 20, wherein a portion of said support arm is located within at least one of said first aperture and said second aperture.

22. **(New)** The head support device of claim 13, wherein said spring member is made of a resilient material.

23. **(New)** The head support device of claim 13, wherein said spring member is secured to said base arm.

24. **(New)** A disk drive comprising:
a recording medium;
a rotation driving mechanism for rotating said recording medium about an axis of rotation of said recording medium;
a read and/or write head for recording information on said recording medium and/or for reproducing information from said recording medium;
a base arm operable to pivot about a first axis that is parallel to and spaced apart from the axis of rotation of the recording medium;

a support arm coupled to said base arm so as to be pivotable about the first axis with said base arm, said support arm being operable to pivot about a second axis relative to said base arm, the second axis extending through a pivot fulcrum and being perpendicular to the first axis, said base arm being located between said support arm and said recording medium;

a flexure attaching a slider to a first end of said support arm; and

a spring member coupling said support arm to said base arm for applying a thrust force to the head, said spring member having a rigidity lower than a rigidity of said support arm.

25. **(New)** The disk drive of claim 24, wherein said pivot fulcrum is located at one of a top surface of said base arm, a bottom surface of said base arm, and a position between said top surface and said bottom surface with respect to a thickness direction of said base arm.

26. **(New)** The disk drive of claim 24, further comprising:

an assembly incorporated with said support arm and said spring member at a side of said support arm and said spring member closest to said recording medium; and

head signal wirings connecting said head to said base arm through said support arm, said spring member, and said assembly.